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height of the person is $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet. This fact has been recorded even by the assessors. May I know whether any report has been received with regard to this?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already said that we have not received any representation. I do not know any details about the case."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Now and then questions are put whether the Government have received such and such a memorandum and the Government reply that they have not received it. If a Member says that such a memorandum was sent, is such an assertion by a Member in order?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member only pointed out to the Government that he has received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister."

Gruel centre for the workers of Aaron Mills

* 933 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation in November 1954, from the workers of Pappinisseri Aaron Mills and the local M.L.A. requesting the continuance of the gruel centre which has been discontinued recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government have instructed the Collector of Malabar to reopen the gruel centre and to run it for one more month or till the Mill is reopened, whichever is earlier."

Retrenchment in the Civil Supplies Department

* 934 Q.—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of employees retrenched from the Civil Supplies Department from May 1954;

(b) how many of them have been re-employed; and

(c) the proposals of the Government to absorb the rest?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Six hundred and forty-nine persons were discharged from service and three hundred and one persons were reverted to their parent departments from the Civil Supplies Department since May 1954 to the end of November 1954.

" (b) One hundred persons have so far been re-employed either in the Civil Supplies Department or in other departments of the Government.